

*ROSSITERIA*, A NEW SUBGENUS OF THE FAMILY  
*TROCHIDÆ*.

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Dr. Paul Fischer in his Monograph, Genre Troque, in Kiener's Coquilles Vivantes, Paris, 1880, p. 417, placed the *Trochus nucleus*, Philippi, in a new subgenus under the name of *Solanderia*, and defined its characters in the Manuel de Conchyl., p. 824. The name *Solanderia* is already in use in another branch of Zoology, given by Duchassaing and Michelotti in 1846, in the Class Cœlenterata. I therefore propose to replace Dr. Fischer's *Solanderia* by a new name, *Rossiteria*.

ROSSITERIA, Brazier, 1894.

Umbilicus narrow, columella arcuate, obliquely plicate, terminating in a strong anterior tooth. *Trochus nucleus*, Philippi.

GIBBULA (ROSSITERIA) NUCLEA, Philippi.

*Trochus nucleus*, Philippi, Zeitschr. f. Mal. p. 171, 1849; Conch. Cab. p. 306, pl. 44, fig. 3; Fischer, Coq. Viv. p. 256, pl. 86, fig. 2, 1880.

*Monilea (Solanderia) nuclea*, Pilsbry, in Tryon's Man. Conch. Vol. xi. pp. 256-257, pl. 61, figs. 31, 32, 1889.

*Hab.*—Noumea Harbour, New Caledonia, from low water under stones down to 8 fathoms among dead coral and stones, somewhat common all round the New Caledonian Coast, Japan (*Pilsbry*); Fiji or Viti Islands (*Captain Garrett*); Bird Island and Wreck Reef, Coral Sea, outside the great Australian Barrier Reef (*Brazier*, 1855, 1856); Darnley Island, Torres Straits, sandy mud and shells 30 fathoms (*Brazier*).

In washing some dredgings for Bryzoa I came across one single specimen of this species from sandy mud obtained during the Chevert Expedition; the specimen is very much smaller than those found at New Caledonia and Bird Island, and differs in marking from a very dark green with maculations.